

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MITIGATING INTERRUPTIONS DURING TELEVISION VIEWING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 In response to an incoming communication request or other interruption, a
television signal being currently displayed by an interactive television system is
buffered for subsequent playback. In one embodiment, the television signal is
automatically buffered immediately upon detection of the request. Alternatively,
buffering begins when the request is accepted. Playback of the television signal
10 being buffered may commence, for example, when the request is rejected or after
communication with a remote device is terminated.